providing shelters, training and aiding and abetting it. Therefore, there is no question of admission by Pakistan. But the information which we have, on the basis of that I have indicated that there are infrastructures, training camps, launching pads and other types of logistic support which are being provided from the other side of the border, and they are more or less intact.

Secondly, another point is also to be kept in view; terrorism cannot be switched off and switched on. When it is destroyed, it is destroyed completely. But when it continues, there would be a period when there is less activity, and there would be a period when there is a spurt in activity, specially, when the passes have cleared, after the snow melts, infiltration and exfiltration steps up. Therefore, these are the months when we shall have to be extra careful.

So far as taking it up with Pakistan is concerned, we are trying to impress upon Pakistan every time talks are held that they should stick to the commitment that was made by President Musharraf in January 2004 that the soil of Pakistan would not be allowed to be used by terrorists to campaign against the neighbouring country.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Producing Energy from garbage

*142. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the subsidy given for power projects using garbage as raw material;

(b) the other similar projects which get subsidy;

(c) the number of units which produce energy from garbage commissioned so far and the quantum of electricity produced; and

(d) the number of more such units likely to be established this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) An accelerated programme on Energy Recovery from Urban Wastes has

been developed which includes a provision of financial assistance of Rs.1.50 crore to Rs.3.00 crore/MW, with a ceiling of Rs. 8.00 crore per project, for setting up projects based on different technologies for energy recovery from city garbage subject to eligibility and other terms and conditions.

(b) The programme also provides for financial assistance for projects on energy recovery from other urban wastes, namely, vegetable market wastes, slaughterhouse wastes, cattle dung and biogas generated at sewage treatment plants.

(c) Two projects for energy recovery from garbage have so far been commissioned. The 6.6 MW and 6MW capacity projects installed at Hyderabad and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh have been operating at an overall Plant Load Factor of about 60% and have so far generated 489 lakh and 473 lakh units of electricity respectively. Another 5 MW project has been installed at Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh but its commissioning to full capacity has been stalled on account of certain operational problems.

(d) In view of a gestation period of at least 18 months for such projects, it is not likely that any new projects will be established during this year.

Annual turnover in retail market

†*147. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made by Government regarding annual turnover in retail market in country;

(b) if so, the value of annual turnover in the retail market;

(c) the estimates of the value of the business of this market increased on an average during the last three years; and

(d) the status of Indian retail market in comparison with business in retail markets of other countries in the world?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) As per a study commissioned to Indian Council for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.